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SUBJECT: SOVIET AMBASSADOR'S MEETING WITH VICE FONMIN

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1. SUMMARY: IN NOVEMBER 16 MEETING WITH VICE FONMIN
ARITA, SOVIET AMBASSADOR POLYANSKY CONVEYED SOVIET VIEWS
RE ESTABLISHMENT OF JAPAN-SOVIET ECONOMIC MINISTERIAL
FORUM, AND WAS REMINDED THAT SOVIETS OWE GOJ AN ANSWER
RE POSSIBLE VISIT BY FONMIN TO MOSCOW IN JANUARY. END
SUMMARY.

2. ACCORDING TO FONOFF FIRST EAST EUROPE DIVDIR TOGO,
MAIN PURPOSE OF POLYANSKY CALL ON ARITA WAS TO CONVEY,
THROUGH "DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS" AS FONOFF HAD
PREVIOUSLY SPECIFIED WAS NECESSARY (REFTEL), LATEST SOVIET
THINKING RE ESTABLISHMENT OF JAPAN-SOVIET ECONOMIC
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MINISTERIAL. CONTRARY TO PRESS SPECULATION, TOGO SAID
MEETING DID NOT RESULT IN SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS TOWARD
THAT GOAL. POLYANSKY REITERATED SOVIET VIEW THAT FORUM
SHOULD BE HEADED BY ECONOMIC MINISTERS AND SHOULD CON-
FINE ITSELF TO ECONOMIC ISSUES. ARITA RESPONDED THAT
FOREIGN MINISTERS SHOULD LEAD, ASSISTED BY ECONOMIC
MINISTERS,

AND THAT NON-ECONOMIC ISSUES SHOULD NOT BE RULED OUT. ARITA ALSO SUGGESTED THAT, AS SOVIETS ENVISIONED IT, MINISTERIAL WOULD DUPLICATE WORK OF QUASI-OFFICIAL JOINT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE. POLYANSKY ARGUED IT WOULD NOT, SINCE MINISTERIAL WOULD BE AUTHORITATIVE FORUM FOR ADDRESSING BROADER POLICY QUESTIONS, SUCH AS NEGOTIATION OF ECONOMIC COOPERATION AGREEMENT OR SIGNIFICANTLY EXPANDED CREDIT. (TOGO NOTED TO EMBOFF THIS WAS PRECISELY SORT OF EXCHANGE GOJ DID NOT WISH TO BE DRAWN INTO AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL.) DISCUSSION ENDED WITH AGREEMENT TO STUDY QUESTION FURTHER. TOGO REGARDS ITS PROSPECTS AS MOST UNCERTAIN.

3. JAPAN-CHINA: TOGO SAID BROADER POLITICAL ISSUES WERE NOT TOUCHED UPON IN MEETING. IN PARTICULAR, THERE WAS NO REFERENCE, DIRECT OR INDIRECT, TO SINO-JAPAN PEACE AND FRIENDSHIP TREATY. IN FACT, NOTED TOGO, SOVIETS LAST MADE HIGH-LEVEL DEMARCHE ON THAT SUBJECT MORE THAN NINE MONTHS AGO.

4. HATOYAMA VISIT TO MOSCOW: ARITA TOOK OCCASION OF POLYANSKY CALL TO REMIND HIM THAT FONOFF IS AWAITING ANSWER TO FORMAL PROPOSAL MADE TWO WEEKS AGO IN MOSCOW THAT HATOYAMA VISIT THERE IN JANUARY. POLYANSKY TOOK NOTE. TOGO THOUGHT RESPONSE SHOULD BE POSITIVE THIS TIME.

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5. EMBASSY PROPERTY: TOGO SAID ARITA ALSO RAISED WITH POLYANSKY FONOFF'S GROWING DISSATISFACTION WITH HARD TIME SOVIETS ARE GIVING IT IN FINDING SUITABLE EMBASSY PROPERTY IN MOSCOW. FONOFF IS CONVINCED SOVIETS ARE GOING OUT OF THEIR WAY TO BE DIFFICULT, NOTING THAT MOST RECENT LEASE OFFERED WAS FULLY TEN TIMES WHAT CANADIANS HAD JUST PAID FOR COMPARABLE PROPERTY.

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6. APART FROM POLYANSKY-ARITA MEETING, TOGO COMMENTED
ON TWO OTHER SUBJECTS, JAPAN-SOVIET DEVELOPMENT. ON FORMER,
HE SAID THAT, DESPITE SPECULATION TO CONTRARY, GOJ WAS
UNLIKELY TO AGREE TO SOVIET PROPOSAL TO SWAP ENRICHMENT
SERVICES FOR JAPANESE TECHNOLOGY
(NON-NUCLEAR COMPONENTS FOR SOME FOUR TO SIX PRESSURIZED
WATER REACTORS). TOGO
THOUGHT ARRANGEMENT WAS MUCH LESS ATTRACTIVE NOW THAN WHEN
SOVIETS ORIGINALLY PROPOSED IT THREE YEARS AGO, SINCE JAPAN'S
CONTRACTS FOR ENRICHMENT SERVICES NOW INCLUDE SOME WHICH
WILL CARRY OVER INTO NEXT CENTURY. WITH RESPECT TO
SIBERIAN DEVELOPMENT, TOGO WAS INTRIGUED BY COMMERCE
SECRETARY KREPS' REMARKS NOVEMBER 15 IN LOS ANGELES
NOTING NEED TO DEFINE US POLICY TOWARD PARTICIPATION IN
SIBERIAN DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS. FONOFF HAD ALREADY ASKED
ITS WASHINGTON EMBASSY TO CABLE FULL TEXT.
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